

**REMARKS**

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

**Disposition of the Claims**

Claims 1-14, 18-34, 36, and 41-43 are pending in this application. Claims 1-14, 18-34, and 36 are cancelled by way of this reply without prejudice or disclaimer. Of the remaining claims, claims 41 and 43 are independent. Claim 42 depends on claim 41.

**Drawings**

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to indicate whether the drawings filed on July 24, 2004 are acceptable.

**Claim Amendments**

Claim 41 is amended by way of this reply to correct two minor typographical errors. No new subject matter has been added by way of this claim amendment.

**Restriction Requirement**

In response to the restriction requirement dated July 19, 2006, Applicant elects claims 41-43, without traverse for continued prosecution. Non-elected claims are canceled by way of this reply.

**Conclusion**

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 04783/016001).

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Respectfully submitted,

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